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*"The greatest service one can render to his fellowman is that of assisting him to obtain salvation. Such is the character, directly or indirectly, of all our Church work, including the work of the home ministry and that of the ministry abroad."*—GEORGE F. RICHARDS.

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GROWTH OF THE CHURCH IN GREAT BRITAIN

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A RECENT compilation of figures in the Church Historian's office at Salt Lake City, Utah, reveals that 125,000 converts to the Church have been baptized by divine authority in the British Isles, of which 52,000—not including unbaptized children in families—have emigrated to Zion.

Of all the missions established by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in foreign countries, none has yielded so much precious fruit to the preaching of the restored Gospel as has the British Mission. This mission was opened in 1837 by Apostles Heber C. Kimball and Orson Hyde and five other American Elders who crossed the Atlantic ocean in the ship *Garrick* and arrived in Liverpool, England, July 20th, 1837. These missionaries commenced at once to preach the Gospel in Preston, England, where the first baptism by divine authority in this dispensation in Great Britain took place July 30th, 1837.

On that memorable day, nine persons were baptized in the River Ribble, Preston, the first of whom was the late George D. Watt, who subsequently distinguished himself as a shorthand reporter for the Church.

From Preston, as the headquarters of the British Mission, the Elders extended their labours into the surrounding country towns in Lancashire, where a number of other branches of the Church were soon afterwards raised up, and the missionaries also

extended their operations into Northumberland and Bedfordshire, England, where converts were made and branches organized. Before the end of the year 1837 there were about six hundred Latter-day Saints in England.

The further progress made by the missionaries in England was somewhat slow during the years 1838 and 1839, but the Gospel door was opened to the inhabitants of Scotland.

A fresh impetus to the work in Great Britain was brought about when Apostles Brigham Young, Heber C. Kimball (on his second mission to Great Britain), Parley P. Pratt, John Taylor, Orson Pratt, Wilford Woodruff, George A. Smith and other missionaries arrived in England, in 1840. They remained about one year, during which missionary labours were extended into nearly all parts of England, Wales and Scotland, and also to Ireland and the Isle of Man.

#### WILFORD WOODRUFF CONVERTS WHOLE COMMUNITY

Branches of the Church were organized every where and Wilford Woodruff particularly made phenomenal success in preaching the Gospel in Herefordshire, England, where an entire community known as the United Brethren joined the Church, and were organized into branches and conferences. The branches organized in other parts of England, Scotland and Wales were also organized into conferences during that period and the following years.

At the close of the year 1844 (a few months after the martyrdom of the Prophet Joseph Smith), there were between 9,000 and 10,000 Latter-day Saints in Great Britain, organized into 200 branches of the Church; these were grouped into 25 conferences. The membership included about 400 Elders, 600 Priests, 300 Teachers and 200 Deacons.

The zenith of successful Latter-day Saint missionary labours was reached by the close of the year 1852, when the British Mission contained 742 branches of the Church, with a total membership of nearly 33,000, including 2,572 Elders, 1,913 Priests, 1,446 Teachers and 856 Deacons. The branches in the British Isles were grouped into 52 conferences.

Among the precious Church records gathered in the British Isles in 1897 by the writer of this article was one containing the statistics of the British Mission for a period of twenty-one years (1855 to 1876 inclusive). During these years statistics were not published in the official organ of the mission—the *Millennial Star*.

By a very careful compilation from these statistics and from other available and reliable sources—a work which has taken weeks of patient labour on the part of several of the clerks in the historian's office (principally Elder Charles D. Goasling)—we

have reached the following very interesting and most satisfactory totals :

During the existence of the British Mission, covering a period of 93 years (1837-1930 inclusive), nearly 125,000 converts to the restored Gospel have been baptized by divine authority in the British Isles. Of these about 52,000 (not including unbaptized children in families) have emigrated to Zion. Adding the children of saints who emigrated, we should be justified in increasing the number one-third, making a total of 78,000 persons who have emigrated from Great Britain to the gathering places of the saints in America, since 1840, when the first company of British saints left England. During the same period the statistics prove that about 8,870 of the saints died in Great Britain.

We take pleasure in making these statistics known to the general public, realizing that they will be of general interest to all Latter-day Saints who are interested in Church history, and especially to the sons and daughters of the British Isles, who, together with their descendants, constitute a very large and influential percentage of the membership of the Church.—(Published in the *Deseret News*, March 19th, 1930.)

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## EXTRACTS FROM MY BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

ELDER JOHN F. COOK, NORWICH DISTRICT

ON the night of July 7th, 1894, a spirit came to earth in order to inhabit its pre-ordained tabernacle of flesh. Storms fiercer than that part of the country had experienced for some time were raging. That very night, while the mother of this tabernacled spirit was courageously doing her part towards the fulfillment of God's wonderful plan, the father was earning a precarious living for his family on the high seas. Skippering a small five-handed, tan-sailed, fishing smack, while near the shore, a smaller fishing smack was struck by lightning which killed two of its crew.

Unable to walk, the child spent the first year or two in and out of hospitals. One day when the mother had taken the child out for an airing, the pram in which the baby was riding, was smashed to fragments by a runaway horse, but the baby miraculously escaped with scarcely a bruise. Seventeen years passed away, during which time the boy passed through practically the same experiences as do other boys of working-class parents; however, perhaps he experienced rather more than the average, inasmuch as he was rarely out of danger of some kind. One cold day in December an untimely death was once again thwarted by the mercy of Providence, when he slipped and fell off the docks. Help fortunately being near at hand, he was taken home by his rescuers. His religious-minded parents knelt nearby and offered up thanks to God for the persistent preservation of their son.

Nineteen-fourteen, and Europe was plunged into that holocaust of blood and slaughter which to-day is a painful memory. Twenty years of age, strong, healthy, fit for anything, this boy joined the forces out of sheer patriotism. The day he joined he had witnessed the landing in his native seaside town of thousands of Belgian refugees. These people had taken flight across the North Sea in their tiny fishing craft, in the van of the advancing German army.

In a comparatively short time our volunteer found himself in France, midst some of the fiercest fighting of the front line trenches. Eventually, the division he was in was shifted to that hot-bed of tropical fevers, Salonika, known in the Apostle Paul's time as Thessalonica. Young men in the cream of their manhood died there of mysterious Eastern maladies. He was engaged as a clerk in the base camps while convalescing from an attack of fever. There he had the heartrending job of reading, filing and writing many letters—human documents, every one of them. They were from the wives, parents or sweethearts of those who were serving, pleading with the authorities to send “their man home” or—. Here some of life's bitterest lessons were learned. Broken in health, grey-haired, disillusioned, but with a firm determination to know the “truth of existence,” the boy-man returned home.

Years passed, and with his family he came to live in a part of his native town where one of his neighbours was a Latter-day Saint. How thirstily he drank in the “Words of Truth” when they were proffered him. It seemed like he had hunted for them all his life; they bore a familiar sound to him, and “he felt that he had wandered from a more exalted sphere.” What a wonderful morning it was when he and his wife entered the sea at Lowestoft, and were baptized into their rightful home—the Church of Jesus Christ. Yes, baptized in the sea near the very spot where the two fishermen had been killed by a lightning stroke, nearly thirty-two years before.

Ordination to the Priesthood of God followed in due time. The testimonies of these two new truth-seekers were strengthened by the adversities and persecution which came as a result of their acceptance of “Mormonism.” Steadfastly they clung to the “faith for which martyrs have perished.” The man, who had begun to take an active interest in genealogical research work, was commissioned to search out the ancestry of those already in Zion. The work has grown, until now all of his time is devoted to this important part of the Great Plan.

Soon a Patriarch was sent to these islands and this man received one of his dearest desires—a Patriarchal blessing. It is a source of joy and comfort to him, and looking back upon an eventful life he can say, “For this cause was my life spared; that I might be a saviour on Mount Zion for my dead kindred; yea



and for the kindred of others, too." In praising "God from whom all blessings flow," he can say with sincerity and humility, "Father in Heaven, I am willing and anxious to do what Thou wouldst have me do." His heart is full because his life has always been spared. Truly was the poet of old right when he said, "In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths."

## PRIESTHOOD

*First Week.* Opening exercises. Ten-minute report of local Priesthood activities. Lesson: *Studies in Priesthood*, Chapter 14, "Personal Demands of the Priesthood." Study from "Vocational and Financial Efficiency," on page 71, to "Relation to Humanity," on page 73. Objective: To point out the necessity of Priesthood members striving for financial independence; that man's spiritual nature must be cultivated to obtain the enjoyment of spiritual peace; also the home life among the Priesthood should be ideal, filled with service, kindness and loyalty.

1. What is the meaning of vocational and financial efficiency?
2. Why should members of the Priesthood strive for financial independence?
3. Why must man's spiritual nature be cultivated carefully?
4. What powers make a man fit for the work of life?
5. In what way does conduct and the daily use of our gifts become the final measure of a man's fitness to do the work of the world to which he belongs?
6. Explain why spiritual peace is able to yield the greatest happiness to mankind.
7. What are the duties of every member of the Priesthood in the welfare of the home?

*Second Week.* Opening exercises. Ten-minute report of local Priesthood activities. Two twelve-minute talks, the first on "Boyhood of Joseph Smith," and the second on the "The Visitation of Moroni, 1823-1827." Refer to the Church books and other helpful references on these subjects. A class discussion to follow the remarks of both speakers, in which everyone present should take part.

*Third Week.* Opening exercises. Ten-minute report of local Priesthood activities. Lesson: *Studies in Priesthood*, Chapter 14, "Personal Demands of the Priesthood." Study from "Relation to Humanity," on page 73, to the end of the chapter on page 75. Objective: to show the need for social relaxation; that members of the Priesthood should in all respects be good citizens, living up fully to the ideals of the Church; also that they should always participate in the activities of the Church.

1. What is a cosmopolitan outlook on life?
2. Why should a member of the Priesthood attempt to develop all his faculties and to secure a cosmopolitan outlook on life?

3. Why should a member of the Priesthood be loyal to his country?
4. What is the doctrine of the Latter-day Saints in respect to the laws of the land?
5. What is the higher meaning of politics?
6. What is the test of the spiritual life of a man holding the Priesthood?
7. What activities of the Church should members of the Priesthood participate in?
8. How would you examine yourself to determine to what extent you are living up to the ideals set for members of your Priesthood quorum?

*Fourth Week.* Opening exercises. Ten-minute report of local Priesthood activities. Two twelve-minute talks, the first on "The Priesthood Restored," and the second on "The Witnesses of the Book of Mormon." Refer to the Church books and other helpful references on these subjects. A class discussion to follow the remarks of both speakers, in which everyone present should take part.

*Fifth Week.* Opening exercises. Ten-minute report of local Priesthood activities. If a Priesthood meeting is held this night, it is suggested that you spend the evening discussing the conditions and needs of your particular branch.

P. L. W.

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## RELIEF SOCIETY

**SLOGAN:** "We stand for a More Sincere Sisterly Love Through Application of the Saviour's Parables and Teachings."

**Lesson Text:** "The Value of Life Here and Hereafter."

*First Week.* Opening Exercises. Slogan Talk: "The systems and motives employed by the Relief Society when gathering for and distributing to the poor." *Theology—Life Everlasting*—Lesson 8. "Man's Condition on Earth," pages 84-87. Objective: To show the meaning of true riches; to understand more fully historical accounts referring to the law of consecration and to discover requirements necessary, incident to the future living of that law.

*Second Week.* Opening Exercises. Slogan Talk: "The responsibility of those who follow Christ and the limit of consideration given to self when proclaiming such allegiance." During class period, the sisters present should discuss the "Teacher's Topic for May." This is found on page 88 of the text. Objective: To show that a nearness to Christ can be brought about only by living His Gospel, and that following the Saviour does not only mean verbal belief, but that it also means to do as He did, to speak as He spoke and to think as He thought.

*Third Week.* Opening Exercises. Slogan Talk: "Why maternal Bible stories are such good examples of Motherhood." *Literature—Mothers of Ancient Scripture*—Lesson 8. "Elizabeth,"

pages 89-93. Objective: To discover the example set by the Jews in their pride of motherhood, and the attitude of Elizabeth and Zacharias toward divine manifestations and instruction.

*Fourth Week.* Opening Exercises. Slogan Talk: "Artistic requirements of the successful housewife in regard to Home Decoration." Social Service—*Human Welfare*—Lesson 8. "Health-Giving Foods, viz., Milk, Vegetables." Objective: To understand the relative value of milk in its various forms; also vegetables and their important nutritive contribution to the human system.

RINTHA P. DOUGLAS

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

### SACRAMENT GEM FOR MAY

REV'RENTLY and meekly now  
 Let my head most humbly bow;  
 Think of Me, thou ransomed one;  
 Think what I for thee have done,

The Concert Recitation should be recited by the Gospel Doctrine Department before the school on the first and third Sundays, and by the New Testament Department on the second and fourth Sundays.

#### GOSPEL DOCTRINE DEPARTMENT

*May 1.* Concert Recitation. "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." Matt. 7:21. Uniform Lesson. Subject: "Character Building Through the Payment of Tithes." (See Superintendents' Department for Teachers' Outline.)

*May 8.* Mothers' Day. No Lesson. A special program should be prepared for this day to which all the mothers in the branch should be invited.

*May 15.* Lesson 14. "Authority to Act in the Name of God." The necessity for authority to act in all human affairs is recognized as a basic principle of social conduct. Failure to recognize this principle results in anarchy and dissolution. Moreover, unwarranted assumption of authority renders the offender liable to discipline—often imprisonment or, in extreme cases, even death. An individual who, for example, misrepresents himself as an officer of the law, or of a bank, or of a mercantile institution, is summarily arrested and punished. How, then, can anyone audaciously assume to officiate in the name of the Almighty, and expect that his act will be recognized? Are the things of Deity less sacred and less important than the things of man? On the contrary, the necessity for authority to act in the name of the Lord is thoroughly proved in scriptural history. (See Talmage's *Articles of Faith*, pp. 184-200.)

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EDITORIAL

A "STAR" IN EVERY HOME

THE *Millennial Star* belongs to the saints and missionaries of the British Mission. It represents the views and character of our Church. We want to support it, and get it into the hands of our friends and investigators. It is a real missionary and does untold good in teaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Thousands should be printed and circulated, where to-day there are only hundreds. Elders should try to extend its sphere of usefulness, and not be content with casually looking over its pages. Every home in the Mission should have a copy. If some are too poor to subscribe for it, the Elders and branch presidents, under the direction of the district presidents, should counsel together and devise means to send the *Star* to them. Do not let any member of the Church be without its weekly visit. In the absence of visits from missionaries, the saints will take joy in perusing its pages, and will have their faith strengthened from reading its contents.

In one of the districts of this Mission, a real campaign to increase the circulation of the *Millennial Star* was recently organized by the district president. Adopting the slogan, "A *Star* In Every Home," he appointed a live young member of the Church as agent in each branch in the district, and at a certain specific time they all started in the race for subscribers. The campaign lasted for thirty days. In that time, many new subscriptions were secured, old accounts collected and many complimentary copies placed in the hands of friends. The campaign was successful in every sense of the word. Why not organize similar campaigns in other districts? A copy of some inexpensive Church work might be awarded to the representative securing the largest number of subscribers.

We suggest to district presidents that they take this matter up at their next monthly Elders' meeting, and map out a definite program for increasing the usefulness of the *Millennial Star* along the lines indicated. President Douglas will be pleased to receive a report of the action taken.

We are constantly receiving articles for publication. We welcome them gladly. Those that have merit will be used, even though it takes time to dress some of them properly for publication. Those who have been kind enough to submit these productions must exercise patience if their efforts do not appear as



quickly as they think they should. There are only sixteen small pages to the *Star*, and much material of great importance has to be published in each issue. We can only devote a limited amount of room to contributions from local writers. We want to encourage all such efforts, however, and as fast as we can we will use those that are worthy. No one should feel offended if our decision is adverse to their literary efforts. We are especially anxious to receive faith-promoting stories, unusual testimonies and conversions, remarkable healings and outstanding Gospel conversations. All such are stimulating and should be submitted to us for our judgment. If written on a typewriter, they should be double-spaced.

We have noted a disposition on the part of some to become careless in the forwarding of items intended for publication, the result of which is that such items are stale when they do appear. Another dereliction is the lack of interest in writing up many events that occur all over the Mission, seemingly because it involves a little effort or time on the part of those who should otherwise feel it a pleasure to make a record of such doings for publication. Many an opportunity for creating an interest in the work of the ministry is neglected because of some missionary's apathy. There is something of interest occurring all the time in every district in the Mission which should be given publicity.

We want to emphasize the importance of promptness in sending reports of conferences, public meetings, baptisms and socials. Get away from the idea that any time will do to write up and forward such reports. When a conference is held, a baptism takes place, or a social is held, write it up and mail it to us immediately. We want to say to one and all, that they must not be surprised if some of these delayed reports are never used, because of being so far behind time. Help to keep the *Star* up-to-date, and forward all reports for publication without unreasonable delay.

All reports of conferences, special meetings, baptisms, socials and other material intended for publication, should be addressed to the *Millennial Star*, 43 Tavistock Square, London, W. C. 1.—  
JAMES H. WALLIS.

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## HOSPITAL WITH NO ALCOHOL

IN THE MANUAL being studied by the Mutual Improvement Associations of the British Mission this past winter, "The Gospel and Health," a chapter is devoted to the subject of "Alcohol," in which the following statement appears:

"It is a well-known fact in the hospital treatment of disease that alcoholic patients recover much more slowly than abstainers. The defences of the body are diminished and conservative powers lowered. As a result, mortality is increased, liability to disease

intensified and the capacity for restoration and recovery lessened. This is confirmed in every day's experience. The treatment of all kinds of fevers and local inflammations, and particularly all kinds of surgical operations, is far more difficult, grave and uncertain where the person has used spirits. This is a clinical fact outside of all theories and explanations."

Confirmatory of the facts embodied in the foregoing statement, we have just received a report made by Dr. J. D. Rolleston, medical superintendent of the London Western Hospital, and submitted to the London County Council Hospital Services, in which he gives an interesting account of the results of abandoning the use of alcohol in that institution. Dr. Rolleston says that he personally has not used alcohol in treatment for twenty-five years. After his appointment to the hospital in 1926 he was able to persuade his colleagues to follow his example, without prohibiting its use when they were convinced of its necessity. In consequence the consumption of brandy fell from 2,589 ounces in 1925 to one ounce in 1928, with 4,797 patients, while none at all was used in 1929 and 1930. During the same period the number of patients increased considerably. The case mortality (with the exception of scarlet fever, in which there was a difference of a decimal in 1928, and of diptheria in 1930) was below the average of the nine acute fever hospitals of London, while in both 1927 and 1928 the case mortality of diptheria was the lowest of all the nine hospitals.

Dr. Rolleston expresses the view that not only was the recovery rate not lowered by the omission of alcohol from the treatment, but that convalescence was as rapidly attained, and possibly more so, as in cases treated in other hospitals by various alcoholic beverages, while at the same time the risk of alcoholism of therapeutic origin was avoided.

In addition, no brandy or other form of alcohol has been used in the hospital's ambulance service since May 17th, 1928, although brandy is provided in the ambulance.

Notwithstanding these outstanding results accomplished in the Western Hospital, Dr. Rolleston declares that the fact remains that alcohol is still freely used in the other fever hospitals of London.

And so we have another testimony from an authoritative medical source, to the divine origin of the truths embodied in the Word of Wisdom, as revealed from the Lord to the Prophet of the latter days, Joseph Smith, in which it is declared that "wine or strong drink is not good," that they "are not for the belly, but for the washing of your bodies." And this revelation was given nearly one hundred years ago, when the use of alcoholic beverages was prescribed by physicians as indispensable for the recovery of patients suffering with any form of sickness and disease.—JAMES H. WALLIS.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

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*May 22.* Lesson 15. "Man's Part in His Own Salvation." The Church doctrine that man will be judged according to his works forms a bold contrast with the doctrine of unmerited gifts. The doctrine of works dignifies the importance of man and recognizes him as the literal offspring of God, while the doctrine of unmerited gifts leads him to believe that it is possible to get something for nothing, which is contrary not only to all human experience, but to all natural law. It is a basic truth in nature that nothing occurs fortuitously and without due cause.

*May 29.* Lesson 16. "Honesty in Thought and Action." Mutual confidence between human beings is the foundation upon which society is established; destroy it, and society will fail. Your bank savings are no more secure than the integrity of your banker, or your good name than the trustworthiness of your friends. Confidence must be real and not feigned. Men must be as reliable when alone as they are when they are being watched. Men must have the courage to do right for right's sake. Proper living should be a habit, not a forced conduct. Men must be honest in little things, or they may not be honest in greater things. Insincerity among professors of religion is injurious to the cause of truth. Honesty, like other virtues, becomes a habit with us.

## NEW TESTAMENT "A" DEPARTMENT

*May 1.* Concert Recitation. "But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give." Matt. 10: 6-8. Uniform Lesson. Subject: "Character Building Through the Payment of Tithes." (See Superintendents' Department for Teachers' Outline; pupil's lesson in quarterly.)

*May 8.* Mothers' Day, No Lesson. A special program should be prepared for this day to which all mothers in the branch should be invited.

*May 15.* Lesson 14. "Jesus at Capernaum." Text: Luke 4: 31-41; Weed's *A Life of Christ for the Young*, Chapter 23. Sunday School Lessons, No. 14. Objective: An implicit faith in the power of God to help, brings peace and needed blessings to the followers of Christ.

*May 22.* Lesson 15. "The Call of the Twelve." Text: Matt. 10: 1-42; Sunday School Lessons, No. 15. Objective: Authority from God is necessary to officiate as leaders and officers in the Church of Christ.

*May 29.* Lesson 16. "The Sermon on the Mount." Text: Matt., chapters 5, 6 and 7; Sunday School Lessons, No. 16. Weed's *A*

*Life of Christ for the Young.* Objective: To live in accordance with the teachings of Christ means to avoid even the thought of evil, and to order our lives in accordance with the ideal of perfection.

#### PRIMARY DEPARTMENT

*May 1.* Picture Lesson.

*May 8.* Mothers' Day program. No Lesson. A special program should be prepared for this day to which all the mothers in the branch should be invited.

*May 15.* Lesson 14. "Joseph Helps the King." Text: Genesis 41; Sunday School Lessons, Leaflet No. 14. Objective: The Lord blesses His righteous children and guides their destiny.

*May 22.* Lesson 15. "Joseph's Brothers Visit Egypt." Text: Genesis 42; Sunday School Lessons, Leaflet No. 15. Objective: The Lord blesses His righteous children and guides their destiny.

*May 29.* Lesson 16. "The Family Reunited." Texts: Genesis 43, 44, 45, 46; Sunday School Lessons, Leaflet No. 16. Objective: The Lord blesses His righteous children and guides their destiny.

*The Instructor.*

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It is suggested that the two and one-half minute talks be based upon the following topics: "The Meaning of Balance in Human Life," "The Distinction Between Habit and Forced Conduct."

For singing practice during the month of May, the following songs are suggested: "If You Could Hie to Kolob," "See, the Mighty Angel Flying."

J. B. B.

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#### MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

**SLOGAN TALK:** "We Stand for Physical, Mental and Spiritual Health through Observance of the Word of Wisdom."

**Lesson Text:** "The Gospel and Health."

*First Week.* Opening exercises. *Preliminary Program.* Slogan Talk—Show how observance of the Word of Wisdom adds greatly to life's satisfactions. Have someone give a vocal solo, and have this followed by someone giving the current historical events. Lesson: Chapter 22, "Excesses: Amusements, Athletics, Dissipation of Strength," etc. Objective: To show the necessity of our generation discriminating in their pleasures in order to attain the higher values, moral, spiritual and cultural, and the value of developing moderation in our desires.

*Second Week.* Opening exercises. (No Preliminary Program.) Lesson: Chapter 23, "The Law of Chastity." Objective: To show that the law of God corroborates the law of Nature in asserting the absolute necessity for chastity, and the thing that can bring the greatest joy, and the utmost satisfaction, can become, by



perversion, the greatest force for our destruction. Turn the last half hour over to the discussion of the life and work of an eminent English artist.

*Third Week.* Opening exercises. *Preliminary Program.* Slogan Talk—Show how participation in the activities of the Church gives strength to overcome wrong habits. Have someone give a report on the latest scientific progress. (Compose some original lines about your local M. I. A. and sing to the tune of one of the spirited hymns.) Lesson: Chapter 24, "The Fruit of the Tree." Objective: To show the origin of the Word of Wisdom, the moral purity, the physical and mental vigour, the mental and moral proficiency, and the economic value and benefits gained through observance of the Word of Wisdom, and that we as Latter-day Saints stand for a pure life through clean thought and action.

*Fourth Sunday.* Opening exercises. Mutual Improvement Social. Suggestive helps to an enjoyable evening will be sent out in the *May Game Supplement*.

P. L. W.

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## LIVERPOOL DISTRICT CONFERENCE

THE saints and friends of the Liverpool District enjoyed a special Easter feast in the form of a semi-annual District Conference held on March 27th, in the I. L. P. Hall, Freckleton Street, Blackburn. In spite of the holiday season and the rainy weather, the three sessions were well attended. It will long be remembered by those in attendance as a day of rejoicing.

During the morning session, the Sacrament was administered to the members present. Every one was then welcomed by President Rock M. Kirkham, and the visiting "Mission Mothers" were each presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers. The congregation was then divided into two classes, one for the male visitors and those holding the Priesthood, the other for the Relief Society and the lady visitors. In both sections very encouraging reports were given of the progression of the work in the District during the last five months. The members were then urged to remain true and faithful to the commandments of the Lord, in order to obtain His blessings. Adjournment was made from each of the two sections.

At the afternoon meeting, an interesting Easter program was given by the auxiliaries in the way of short talks and musical numbers. A Sunday School chorus, composed of a number of children of friends of the Accrington Branch, rendered a very fine selection. The General Authorities of the Church and the European and British Mission Authorities were presented and unanimously sustained. President Kirkham also read a report of the district covering the past six months.

"In the Liverpool District at the present time," he said, "there are eight organized Branches, which are as follows: Accrington, Birkenhead, Blackburn, Burnley, Liverpool, Nelson, Preston and Wigan, with a total membership of 709. Of this number, 113 of the men hold the Holy Priesthood and are divided into the various offices as follows: 22 Elders, 29 Priests, 12 Teachers and 51 Deacons. Of the above numbered Priesthood there are 44 engaged in some special calling, such as Branch Presidents, counselors or officers in the auxiliaries. Regular Priesthood meetings are sponsored in all of the eight branches.

"We have in every branch a Sunday School and a Mutual Improvement Association. Within the District we have eight Relief Societies, the eighth having been just recently organized by the Elders in the Bootle Branch. The Primaries in Liverpool and Preston Branches are both making splendid progress.

"There are at present 8 traveling missionaries labouring in the District. During the last five months these have spent 1,344 hours tracting, and have distributed 33,002 tracts, 1,088 pamphlets, and 84 other books, and have held 118 meetings. There have been 22 persons baptized since the last District Conference."

The closing session of the conference was better attended than the two previous ones. The hall was entirely filled and the Spirit of God was certainly made manifest to those present. President John A. Widtsoe gave an inspirational address on the resurrection of Jesus Christ. He stated that many had tried to prove that He never rose from the dead, but so far none had succeeded. He bore his testimony to the divinity of this restored Gospel. Dr. Ray Russell of London spoke on life after death, relating an experience that proved to him that there was a literal resurrection. President James H. Douglas occupied the remainder of the time, with a strong testimony of the truth of the Gospel.

The following Mission Authorities were in attendance: Dr. John A. Widtsoe, President of the European Mission; Sister Leah D. Widtsoe, President of the European Mission Relief Societies; Patriarch James H. Wallis, of the European Mission; Sister Elizabeth T. Wallis, Counselor in the presidency of the European Mission Relief Societies; President James H. Douglas, of the British Mission; Sister Rintha P. Douglas, President of the British Mission Relief Societies; President Rock M. Kirkham and Elders C. Leigh Miller, Moroni H. Brown, La Dell M. Larson, F. Sefton Naylor, Ferris H. Allen, Thomas Harris and Louis G. Robinson, all of the Liverpool District; Elders Arnold D. White, Richard G. Johnson, Clifford L. Ashton, Laurence Heath and Percy L. Matthews of the European Mission Office; President Thomas A. Lambert of the Hull District, and Elder Dan Frodsham of the Manchester District.

C. LEIGH MILLER, Clerk of Conference.

## UNIQUE MIDDLESBROUGH PRIMARY PAGEANT

MIDDLESBROUGH BRANCH PRIMARY, Newcastle District, on the 1st and 8th of March, presented to the public a pageant under the direction of Sisters Nellie Thompson and Maude Elliot that proved to be a rare treat to all who witnessed it. Previous to the first presentation tickets were issued and enough sold to more than fill the hall. Upon request of a number of people who attended the first evening, arrangements were made for the



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presenting of the pageant the following week. The branch hall again was packed and everyone enjoyed a program given by children that is rarely equalled.

The effects of the pageant were not limited to a space bounded by walls. More homes have been opened to the missionaries, and a better feeling exists toward the Latter-day Saints throughout the city of Middlesbrough.

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## FROM THE MISSION FIELD

**Appointment and Release:** April 6th, Elder Merrill H. Glenn was honourably released from his labours as Ulster District President and Elder W. Cleon Skouseu of the Norwich District was appointed in his stead.

**Arrivals:** The following missionaries have arrived in the Swedish Mission: Ferrel A. Nielson, Ephraim Ward, South Sanpete Stake; Rodney Edman, Whittier Ward, Grant Stake; both arrived on March 18th.

**Releases:** The following missionaries have been honourably released

from their labours in the Swedish Mission and sailed for their homes in America, aboard the *President Roosevelt*, on March 17th: Charles I. Gustavson, from the Wilshire Ward, Hollywood Stake; Lloyd L. Anderson, from the Long Beach Ward, Los Angeles Stake; Leslie T. Youngberg, from the Holladay Ward, Cottonwood Stake; T. Youngberg, from the Holladay Ward, Cottonwood Stake; George Ove Overson, from the St. John's Ward, St. John Stake.

The following missionaries have been honourably released from their labours in the British Mission and have departed for their homes in America: Louis J. Hoggan, London, Portsmouth and Manchester Districts, sailed from Cherbourg aboard the *President Harding*, March 31st; Clarence H. Taylor, Newcastle and President of Welsh District, sailed from Cherbourg aboard the *President Roosevelt*, April 14th; William W. Taylor of Leeds and Hull Districts, Wayne B. Lake of the Birmingham and London Districts, and Royal H. Jensen of the Ulster and London Districts, all sailed from Cherbourg aboard the *President Roosevelt*, April 14th; Stephen S. Moore, Hull District, President of Leeds District and Mission Office Assistant Secretary, will sail from Cherbourg aboard the *President Harding*, April 28th; Thomas A. Lambert of the Hull District and President of the Hull District, will also sail from Cherbourg aboard the *President Harding*, April 28th.

**Doings in the Districts: Ulster**—An impressive Primary Concert was held in the Belfast Branch, March 11th, under the direction of Sisters Mabel McCaughrin and Lily Templeton. More than one hundred and thirty patrons paid admission to see the kiddies perform, the proceeds to be used for a sea-side outing in the near future.

A little penny-a-week magazine called *The Scrap Book*, has been instigated by the "M" Men of the Belfast Branch. Brother Joseph Darling has been appointed Editor, and distributed the first issue Tuesday evening, March 8th. The purpose of the publication is to defray the class expenses and also to offer development to the members along literary lines.

#### DEATH

**WAKEFIELD**—Brother John Wakefield of Pelton, Newcastle District, passed away at the age of eighty-one years. Interment took place in the Pelton Cemetery.

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